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## News Release

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### **Clerk of the Circuit Court and the World War I Centennial Committee receives a Proclamation from the Board of Supervisor honoring Loudoun's Role in the First World War**



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On May 18, 2017, Loudoun's Board of Supervisors presented a Resolution of Support for the Centennial Commemoration of World War I. On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on the German and Austro-Hungarian Empires. For the next 19 months, the U.S. would send two million men, in addition to food, weapons and financial assistance to our European allies. This resolution passed by the BOS honors Virginia and Loudoun's participation and powerful impact on America's war effort at home and overseas. For the next two years, Virginia and Loudoun County World War I Commemorative Committees will hold a series of events exploring the state and county's role in the war.

The Proclamation was prepared by Loudoun's World War I Centennial Committee, whose members include: Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library, General George C. Marshall House, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Loudoun County Public Library, Loudoun Museum, Morven Park, Mosby Heritage Area Association, Northern Virginia Park Authority, Oatlands Historic House and Gardens, Purcellville Historical Society, Town of Hillsboro, Virginia's World War I Centennial Committee, Visit Loudoun and Waterford Foundation.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF LOUDOUN  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



*Resolution of Support for the Centennial Commemoration of World War I*

**WHEREAS**, World War I made a powerful impact on Virginia: thousands of both male and female Virginians participated both as combatants and non-combatants in the war and Virginia communities involved with war work grew massively; and

**WHEREAS**, as an agricultural community Loudoun's production of livestock, grain, canned goods, and its provision of horses both to the American and British military were paramount; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County formerly torn by Civil War division came together as one community to face the threat of the World War; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County is rich with African American history, and African-Americans played key roles in the U.S. military effort despite confronting segregation; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun was home to Westmoreland Davis, one of two wartime Governors of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

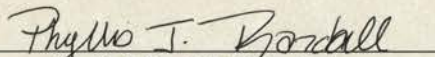
**WHEREAS**, The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American participation in World War I will be observed from 2017-2018 in the Commonwealth of Virginia under the guidance of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission created by the General Assembly to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I as well as the 75th anniversary of World War II; and

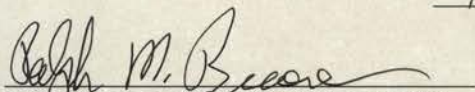
**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County is well positioned to participate in the commemoration because its historic landscape preserves sites associated with the conflict particularly on the home front; and

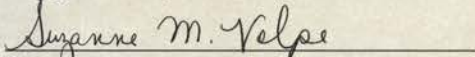
**WHEREAS**, The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is an opportunity to augment regional tourism, honor our unique heritage, and further local history education; and

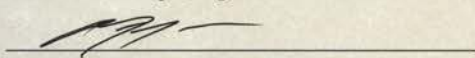
**WHEREAS**, The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is being recognized and honored by virtue of public events conducted by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 293, Thomas Balch Library, George C. Marshall Foundation, and the Oatlands Foundation.

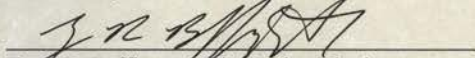
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on April 20, 2017, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor the Centennial Anniversary of World War I and pledges to participate in the commemoration activities.

  
Phyllis J. Randall, Chair, At-Large

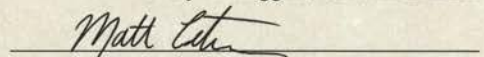
  
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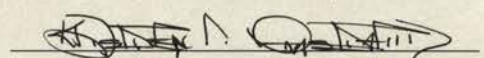
  
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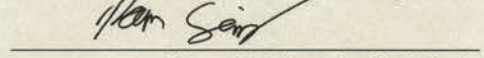
  
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